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SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK DEVELOPMENTS

1. MOST RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS SINCE TONGSUN PARK'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON SUNDAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED IN THE PRESS AND WIRELESS FILE. FOLLOWING MAY USEFUL ADDITIONAL ATMOSPHERICS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. EARLIER DECISION FOR TONGSUN PARK TO STAY AT FORT MCNAIR WAS CANCELLED AT LAST MOMENT IN VIEW OF ROKG CONCERN AS WELL AS SOME INADEQUACIES FROM FBI VIEWPOINT. PARK HAS BEEN HOUSED IN FELICITOUS SUITE IN VIRGINIA SUBURBS AND WILL BE MOVED TO PRIVATE HOME IN SUBURBS LATER THIS WEEK. HIS ASSOCIATES ARE WITH HIM AND HE HAS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT SUBJECT TO SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS.

3. ROK EMBASSY EARLIER EVINCED SOME NERVOUSNESS REGARDING KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS AND ACCESS TO HIM. CONTACT

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INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED ON SUNDAY. BUT DECISION REPORTEDLY TAKEN THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD NOT INITIATE MUCH CONTACT WITH PARK SINCE TO DO SO WOULD IMPLY GREATER CONNECTION WITH HIM THAN THEY WISH TO DISPLAY. WE UNDERSTAND THE CONSUL GENERAL WILL PROBABLY SEEK TO MEET PARK THIS COMING WEEKEND TO ASCERTAIN HIS WELFARE.

4. ARRAIGNMENT PROCEEDINGS IN FEDERAL COURT WERE HANDLED FELICITOUSLY FEBRUARY 27 AND EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE BY JUSTICE TO BE SENSITIVE TO PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS. WE HAVE HEARD OF NO COMPLAINTS FROM EITHER PARK OR EMBASSY. PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS ALSO REPORTEDLY WENT WELL FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CLOSED HEARINGS TODAY BEFORE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE. VANCE

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